

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending. By this amendment, claim 19 is amended. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims in view of the above amendments and the remarks that follow are respectfully requested.

Oath/Declaration Objection

The Oath/Declaration is objected to. In view of the objection to the Oath/Declaration, Applicant submits a copy of the Oath/Declaration as filed with the application. As the Examiner will observe, the enclosed copy of the Oath/Declaration reveals that it meets the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63(c) as it clearly indicates the sole inventor's full home address and citizenship information. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the objection to the Oath/Declaration in view of the enclosed copy of the Oath/Declaration.

Claim Objections

Claim 19 is objected to because of an informality. Claim 19 has been amended to correct the informality. Withdrawal of the claim objection is respectfully requested.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-21 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-21 of copending Application 10/092,501 in view of Japanese Patent 08008995 A to Jiyuumonji.


A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith, and withdrawal of the claim rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting is respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Copy of original Oath/Declaration and Terminal Disclaimer